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## Department of Commerce Hosts BizFest for Local Entrepreneurs



[PICTORIAL]: To celebrate National Entrepreneurs Month - November 2022, the Department of Commerce hosted a BizFest for Local Entrepreneurs at the OMV in Tafuna on November 19, 2022. Over 45 retail and food vendors set up shop to showcase their products and services. Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga and First Lady Ella Mauga visited with many of the business owners. "It was an opportunity to meet with some of our new entrepreneurs who are just starting out. We witnessed a lot of creativity and talent in many of the products," stated Governor Lemanu. "I commend Director Petti and the Department of Commerce for organizing this event to help new and veteran entrepreneurs promote their businesses," he continued.

The BizFest was well attended by the public; and by the end of the event, many vendors had sold out of their products. Director Petti Matila announced that there will be a Trade Show in 2023, and she has invited all entrepreneurs to sign up for next year's event.

















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